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SUBJECT: TAX REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ILO

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1. MISSION RECOGNIZES THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE US TAX REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH ILO REMAINS IN FORCE FOLLOWING US WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ORGANIZATION PRESENTS COMPLEX ISSUES FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION. AT THE SAME TIME WE MUST RECOGNIZE THAT DELAY IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH THESE ISSUES FURTHER EXACERBATES PROBLEMATIC SITUATION IN WHICH AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF ILO FIND THEMSELVES AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE US WITHDRAWAL.

2. AS WE ENTER A NEW TAX YEAR, QUERIES ON THIS QUESTION FROM AMERICAN EMPLOYEES ARE INCREASING, AND THE MISSION NEEDS GUIDANCE TO RESPOND APPROPRIATELY. THIS IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY AS THE MISSION IS ATTEMPTING, IN CONFORMANCE WITH STATE 271275, TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE FRANK AND HELPFUL TO AMERICANS AT ILO DURING THIS DIFFICULT PERIOD THEY ARE FACING.

3. AT A TIME WHEN EFFORTS ARE UNDERWAY AIMED AT MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THE US TO RESUME MEMBERSHIP IN ILO, IT SEEMS
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TO THE MISSION THAT IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE QUALIFIED AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE ILO STAFF TO REMAIN IN PLACE. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, WE DISCERN A TENDENCY FOR THE MOST ABLE AMONG THEM TO BE SEEKING OUT ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT. FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE USG TO ARRIVE AT A POSITIVE DECISION ON FUTURE TAX REIMBURSEMENT WILL PRESENT THESE AMERICAN STAFF MEMBERS,

IN PARTICULAR, WITH A HIGH INCENTIVE FOR DOING SO.

4. COMMENT. MISSION HAS BEEN CAUTIONED THAT IF THE US
ALLOWS THIS ISSUE TO LANGUISH UNRESOLVED MUCH LONGER IT
ALMOST CERTAINLY WILL FORCE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL TO CARRY
IT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BODY (REF B). VANDEN HEUVEL

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